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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 33-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 33-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 41 is objected to because of the limitation of the claim are repeated. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 33-34, and 36-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berger et al. (Pub. No. 2003/0221156).

- With respect to claims 33-34 and 36-37, Berger teaches a method for adjusting the data rate of a data stream in a communication device such that the data stream is divided into at least one data block including transmission bits to be transmitted (see Fig. 2), comprising: forming the transmission bits from information-carrying input bits by an encoding process (a data stream from a communications signals is encoded with outer code see abstract);

removing specific transmission bits from a data block of the data stream for the adaptation of the data rate (e.g. deleting at least one bit from each symbol to achieve a desired data rate see abstract); removing the transmission bits according to a dotting pattern (e.g. the puncture in page 2 paragraph 17). Berger fails to disclose configuring the dotted pattern that 8 of 48 bits of the data block are dotted, and the 8 to 48 bits of the data block are bits 1, 2, 4, 8, 42,

45, 47 and 48. But Berger teaches the puncture routines as Table 1-5 (pages 4-6). Thus, it would have been obvious to person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to understand the puncture/dotting pattern is the desired choice of inventor to select the pattern in the communication device.

- With respect to claims 38-39, Berger discloses the communication device is one of a mobile radio transmission device or mobile radio reception device (e.g. Fig. 1 shows the stations 12 and 14).

4. Claims 35 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berger et al. (Pub. No. 2003/0221156) in view of Das et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7133688).

- With respect to claims 35 and 40, Berger discloses all the aspect of the claimed invention as set forth above but fails to teach wherein the transmission bits to be transmitted are transmitted via the HS-SCCH corresponding to the UMTS standard. Das discloses transmitting data via HS-SCCH (see col. 10, lines 25-28). Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the transmitting data via HS-SCCH corresponding o the UMTS into Berger invention to transmit data in communication.

Response to Amendment

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 33-41 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUC H. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)272-3172. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHI PHAM can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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